

Remarks/Arguments

The foregoing amendment of the title serves to make the title more specific, as requested by the Examiner. The foregoing amendments in the claims concern the cancellation of non-elected claims, or are corrections of minor errors of typographical nature. The amendments do not introduce new matter.

1. Formal Matters

Applicants thank the Examiner for vacating the previous Office Action mailed on November 4, 2002, and for entry and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 30, 2001.

2. Election/Restriction

Applicants hereby confirm the election of Group I, claims 29-48 and 56-59, without traverse. Non-elected claims 49-55 have been canceled by the foregoing amendment.

3. Specification

The title has been objected to as being non-descriptive. The foregoing amendment replaces the original title with the title suggested by the Examiner.

4. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting


Claims 29-48 and 56-59 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting "as being unpatentable" over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,187,304. The attached Terminal Disclaimer is believed to overcome this rejection.

All claims pending in this application are believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney Docket No.: 39766-0068A2D1). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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